

**Cranborne with Boveridge, Edmondsham,
Wimborne St Giles, and Woodlands**

Quintet Newsletter
JANUARY 2018



The Rector writes:

Have you heard the anonymous Parable of the Long Spoons? It goes like this:

One day a man said to God, "God, I would like to know what Heaven and Hell are like."

God showed the man two doors. Inside the first one, in the middle of the room, was a large round table with a large pot of stew. It smelled delicious and made the man's mouth water, but the people sitting around the table were thin and sickly. They appeared to be famished. They were holding spoons with very long handles and each found it possible to reach into the pot of stew and take a spoonful, but because the handle was longer than their arms, they could not get the spoons back into their mouths.

The man shuddered at the sight of their misery and suffering. God said, "You have seen Hell."

Behind the second door, the room appeared exactly the same. There was the large round table with the large pot of wonderful stew that made the man's mouth water. The people had the same long-handled spoons, but they were well nourished and plump, laughing and talking.

The man said, "I don't understand."

God smiled. "It is simple", he said, "Love only requires one skill. These people learned early on to share and feed one another. While the greedy only think of themselves..."

I have never been big on New Year Resolutions but one thing I am going to try and do this year is to be kinder to other people. There is a lot of rage and resentment around in the country (or at least on Social Media!) at the moment and I suspect one antidote to this is to try to put ourselves more consciously into other people's shoes and then see what we can do to reach out to them. It may not sound like much, but it could make the difference between living in Heaven or Hell.

A very Happy 2018 to you all!

Reverend Robert Simpson

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Do please let the Rector know if you would like him to visit, whether to discuss some particular matter in confidence, or in the case of illness or infirmity, to visit someone in hospital or just for a chat. Alternatively, you are welcome to come to the Rectory – formal appointments are not necessary, but it's helpful to phone beforehand if you can

From the Parish Registers

Baptism

"We receive this child into the congregation of Christ's flock"

26th November at Wimborne St Giles:

Molly Florence Lawes

Charity of the Month

The result of the November collection for S.S.A.F.A. (The Armed Forces charity) was £152.37.

The result for the December collection for **Dorset Nightstop** will be announced in due course.

Our **January** collection will be in support of **Salisbury Women's Refuge**.

Church Services in JANUARY

Sunday 7th January

8.00 Holy Communion
9.30 Parish Communion
11.00 High Mass
6.00 Evensong

Epiphany

Edmondsham
Woodlands
Wimborne St Giles
Cranborne

Sunday 14th

8.00 Holy Communion
9.30 Parish Communion
6.00 Bible Study Group

Epiphany 2

Wimborne St Giles
Cranborne
3 Salisbury St, Cranborne

Sunday 21st

8.00 Holy Communion
9.30 Parish Communion
11.00 Matins
6.00 Evensong

Epiphany 3

Woodlands
Edmondsham
Cranborne
Wimborne St Giles

Sunday 28th

8.00 Holy Communion
9.30 Parish Communion
11.00 Family Service
6.00 United Service:

Epiphany 4 Septuagesima

Cranborne
Wimborne St Giles
Edmondsham
Woodlands Methodist Church

Sunday 4th February

8.00 Holy Communion
9.30 Parish Communion
11.00 High Mass
6.00 Evensong

2nd before Lent Sexagesima

Edmondsham
Woodlands
Wimborne St Giles
Cranborne

Wednesdays 10.00am Holy Communion at Woodlands

This month in the Quintet Group

Mon 8 th 10am	Prayer Group 25 Salisbury St, Cranborne
Mon 8 th 12 00 noon	Quintet Lunch Club Cranborne Garden Centre
Wed 10 th 10.30am	Coffee morning and cake sale Woodlands Village Hall
Mon 22 nd 10 – 12 noon	Quintet Coffee Club Cranborne Sports Club

Woodlands Methodist Church

Minister The Rev'd Nigel Deller

12, Spring Close, Verwood BH31 6LB (01202 822212)

Coming Events and Services: Everyone welcome

More information: phone 01202 822066 or visit

www.woodlandsmethodistdorset.org.uk

Sunday 7th

10.45 Morning Service	<i>Miss Elizabeth Ward</i>
6pm Evening Service	<i>Mr Brian Sturtridge</i>

Sunday 14th

10.45 Morning Service	<i>Mr Rob White</i>
6pm Worship for You	<i>Holtwood Mission Band</i>

Sunday 21st

10.45 Morning Service (Covenant Service)	Rev Nigel Deller
6pm Evening Service	Rev Gwyneth Owen

Sunday 28th

10.45 Morning Service	<i>Mr Phil Collins</i>
6pm United Service	<i>Mrs Joan Wild and Rev Robert Simpson</i>

COFFEE MORNINGS:

1st and 3rd Thursday each month

10.00am to 11.30am Bring & Buy, Raffle, Book sales.

QUIET TIME

Monday January 1st 6.30 to 7pm

An informal time of prayer together. All are welcome

QUIZ EVENING

Friday January 26th

£3.00 entry – extra for fish and chips. Names to Brian before 22 January, please, or phone 01202 822066

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